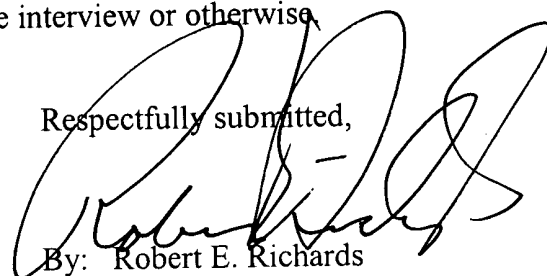


REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-10 are the subject of a restriction requirement. In response to this requirement, applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I, which comprises Claims 1-9 drawn to a process for forming a tubular component, classified in Class 29, subclass 421.1.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing remarks. Such action is courteously solicited. Applicant further requests that the Examiner call the undersigned counsel if allowance of the claims can be facilitated by examiner's amendment, telephone interview or otherwise.

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